

REMARKS

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the Examiner's indication of the allowability of Claims 2-10 if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has so amended the claims, and respectfully submits that they are now in condition for allowance.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, Second Paragraph

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-10 previously on file under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, based on the presence therein of terms that lacked antecedent basis and/or that created confusion. In response to each individual Section 112 claim rejection, Applicant has amended Claims 2-10 (with Claim 1 being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer) to rectify each of the issues raised by the Examiner.

Relatedly, Applicant has also amended the Specification to correct some typographical errors (e.g., the reference to the "positive input E" instead of "negative input E"), and to otherwise make the text consistent with drawing figures 2 and 3. All of the text changes are consistent with the originally-submitted drawings, and thus no new matter has been added.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the Section 112 rejections should now be obviated.

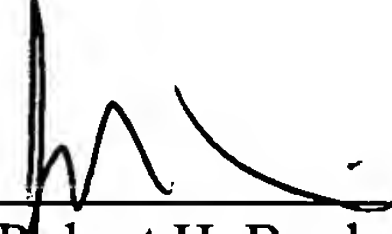
III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. Section 103

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 1 as being unpatentable over Daley and Chen. In order to expedite the prosecution of the above-application, Applicant has canceled Claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully submits that this Amendment, including the amendments to the Claims and in view of the Remarks offered in conjunction therewith, are fully responsive to all aspects of the rejections tendered by the Examiner in the Office Action. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-10 are now in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore earnestly solicits the issuance of a Notice of Allowance with respect to these claims.

If there are any fees incurred by this Amendment Letter, please deduct them from our Deposit Account No. 18-0002.

Respectfully submitted,

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